

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 28–42. Applicant is canceling claims 28–42 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1–27 were previously canceled. Claims 43–69 have been added to further define the invention. As a result, claims 43–69 are pending for examination with claims 43, 50, and 67 being independent claims. The amendments made and the new claims 43–69 added find support in the specification and do not constitute new matter.

Accordingly, reconsideration and examination of the above–referenced Application is requested.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendment and remarks it is submitted that the claims are patentably distinct over the prior art and that all the rejections to the claims have been overcome. Reconsideration and reexamination of the above Application is requested. Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the pending claims be allowed, and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant’s representative at the telephone number listed below.

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